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The Holy Eucharist
 Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
 Tuesday: 7:00 AM

The Staff
 Reverend Marion Phipps, Rector
 Sue Campbell, Senior Warden
 Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden
 Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant
 Dick W. Rayner, Treasurer
 Ash Emmanuel, Vestry Clerk
 Cheri Walter, Altar Guild

August Birthdays Happy Birthday!!

William Emmanuel	8 - 1
Naomi Emmanuel	8 - 1
Laura Barnett	8 - 2
Debbie Wild	8 - 2
Robert Riedesel	8 - 2
Marion Phipps	8 - 6
Cheri Walter	8 - 6
Kim Gebala	8 - 8
Sandy Vecchio	8 - 12
Katie White	8 - 15
Mary Baumrind	8 - 22
Julien Agee	8 - 23
Sara Johnson	8 - 29
DJ Bergsma	8 - 31
Karen Lemcke	8 - 31

August Anniversaries Happy Anniversary!!!

<i>George & Susan Kennedy</i>	8 - 7
<i>Tom & Linda Youngren</i>	8 - 7
<i>Jim Ceithaml & Marty Owens</i>	8 - 8
<i>Lance & Teresa Puccio</i>	8 - 8
<i>Roland & Beverly Hopson</i>	8 - 12
<i>Brian & Mary Baumrind</i>	8 - 19
<i>Dean & Sara Johnson</i>	8 - 20
<i>Larry & Debbie Wild</i>	8 - 20
<i>Doug & Carol Tobin</i>	8 - 31

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Dear Friends,

I am grateful to be back and worshipping with you! My sabbatical provided me with both rest (sabbath) and education. I have preached a lot of sermons since I've been with you all and the "seed bag" for sowing had felt a little empty prior to my sabbatical. As I continue to reflect on the learnings and cleanings from my sabbatical, I came across a meditation recently in *Our Daily Bread*, (July 25th 2017) that I found to be particularly relevant:

John F. Burns spent forty years covering world events for The New York Times. In an article written after his retirement in 2015, Burns recalled the words of a close friend and fellow journalist who was dying of cancer. "Never forget," his colleague said, "It's not how far you've traveled; it's what you've brought back"

I traveled many, many miles on my sabbatical, traveling to Israel on a pilgrimage "Finding Jesus in the Holy Land," and then to Nashville, Tennessee to attend Thistle Farm's annual conference, and on to Memphis to spend time in the Civil Rights Museum, and then out to Washington D.C., where I went to the Native American Museum, and Baltimore where I went to the National Great Blacks In Wax Museum. So, what have I brought back from all this? My "seed bag" is full, along with my mind, and my heart has been cracked wide open to the many needs in the world about us. Peace alludes us in the Middle East where conflict between the Palestinian's and the Israeli's is complicated and runs deep, as it does at home here in the United States where human trafficking is a far more widespread problem than I have begun to grasp, and the ongoing conflicts and inequities for people of color in our own communities persist long past the Civil Rights Movement. People are "othered" at home and across the world and the question that looms large in my mind is how do we, as Christians, live out the tenants of our baptismal covenant? We promise to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving [our] neighbor as [ourselves] and to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." (Book of Common Prayer, page 305).

For me, it all boils down to the first two commandments that Jesus said summed up the law:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:37-40

There is so much work for us to do and there is no getting around it! How this will play out at St. Hugh remains to be seen. You already do much to tend to the needs of others, yet the work must go on. I am reminded of a quote that is attributed to Rabbi Rami Shapiro, "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." * May God who has been so generous with us, grant us the wisdom and grace required to continue to reach out to those in need. So grateful to be a part of a community that cares deeply for others!! Praying the summer provides each one of you with the sabbath rest you need!

With Love and Gratitude,

Marion+

Please sign your child(ren) up for Sunday School, so we order the right amount of materials.

Sunday School Kick-off is Sunday, September 10th at 10:30AM.

If you are interested in teaching or substitute teaching, please let Marion know.

Senior Warden's Report

Sue is away on vacation.

Sue Campbell
Senior Warden

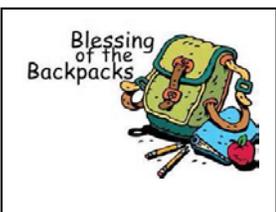


Taize - Healing Service is the second Sunday of the month... August 13th @ 7pm.

August 6th Food Pantry Sunday
Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center.



Please let the office know of any students that should be added/changed/removed from the College Student Prayer listing in the weekly bulletin. sthugh@sbcglobal.net or 847-695-7695



St. Hugh students heading back to school this fall are welcome to bring their backpacks to church to be blessed on Sunday, August 20th

A Special Dinner Invitation

The women of St. Hugh invite you to join them for a special evening in Wiedrich Hall on Thursday, September 28th. At 6pm, a complimentary dinner will be provided by members of the St. Hugh RELICS. Afterwards, Marion will

delight and educate us with photos, stories and insights from her recent sabbatical travels. *Mark your calendar* to come and enjoy this all parish event and watch for more details next month.

St. Hugh's Evening at Ravinia



Calling all music and picnic lovers . . .

**Join us for an afternoon and evening of good music and fellowship,
and, of course, good food.**

What: Second Annual St. Hugh Ravinia Excursion

When: Sunday, August 6

Who: Sir James Galway and the CSO

Program: "Mancini and Moon River"

Admission: \$10.00

Parking: \$10.00

The concert starts at 5:00p.m., the gates open at 3:00, and we are planning to carpool from the church parking lot at 1:30 to be sure of getting a good (shady) spot on the lawn. There will be a sign-up sheet at church for all who are interested. Please indicate if you might be willing to drive, and sign up to bring an appetizer, or either a main-dish or side salad, or dessert or other dish to share. Also bring a bottle of wine or other beverage of your choice. You will need a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on, and if you have a portable table that you can bring, we have need of another two or three, depending on the number going.

Bev Hopson and Marty Owens are co-ordinating this event, so you may direct any questions to them.

RELICS August Meeting

RELICS will meet Wednesday, August 5, at noon in Wiedrich Hall. Featured speaker is Jaime Garcia, Director of Centro de Informacion, who will talk to us about the mission and needs of the center. We will also focus on planning the September all-parish dinner and the fall craft shows.

Christmas (thinking) in August

**Please remember that we are collecting personal sized toiletries and socks for
distribution at Christmas time. If you are able to save and provide the**

toiletries from hotels, or see a great deal on socks, please keep our collection in mind.



I can't believe that July 2, 2017 has come and gone! With many months of preparation, I think I can speak for all when I say that it was a huge success! From the invitations, to the picture boards, to the decorations, the food, the music and the absolutely gorgeous weather, it was wonderful. Many thanks to all who attended and celebrated our parish's 50th Anniversary.

As they say on the infomercials on TV....."But, wait! There's more!" As we come off the incredible success of the luncheon, we now look forward to our continued celebration events. Our Back to School weekend is coming. We are going to collect new and gently used children's books for Centre de Informacion that weekend. We'll be having our outdoor movie the evening of August 18th. The movie will be *The Jungle Book* so bring the kids, both large and small and enjoy the fellowship. On Sunday August 20th, Marion will be blessing the backpacks in anticipation of every parent's "Best Day Ever"the first day of school! That Sunday's coffee hour will be a 60's theme put on by Amy Dolney and Lisa and Ross Parse. Let's have a lot of fun with this! Dress up if you wish and bring a picture of yourself as close to 1967 as possible. Coffee hour music will be rockin'!!

Don't forget the St. Hugh Outdoor Service and Picnic on September 10th. Traditionally, we'll be kicking off the Sunday School year at this time. This is a very special picnic this year. We're very grateful to have Bishop Jeff Lee with us to lead the service and close out our 50th Anniversary year. Keep an eye out for more information in addition to sign- up sheets for set up and break down for the picnic.

Again, many thanks to all for coming together to make this 50th Anniversary Celebration a rousing success. We have August and the September picnic to go, so let's continue that success, joy and fellowship.

Dan Dolney
50th Anniversary Chairman

Episcopal Inquirer's Class

If you are looking to be received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Lee in September... join the class that is meeting on Wednesdays at 1PM starting July 26th!

Buildings and Grounds August 2017

Unfortunately, our elevator broke down again, and thanks again to Craig for arranging to get it in the repair process. The downstairs storage room is still in the process of reorganization but hopefully, should be completed in September. The vestry approved the go-ahead to the landscaper to remove the remaining debris and complete by sodding the area -- this should look nice by the time of our September outdoor service! Thanks goes to Barb Badeau, Jean Horlock and Karen Warner for ordering three new benches for both sides of the sanctuary and the labyrinth, this will really enhance both areas. The outdoor faucets at the vicarage should be replaced as they're not working well. So far this year, we have been able to stay within our annual budget for Buildings and Grounds!

Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden



Save the Date!

Sunday, September 10th, 2017
Outdoor Eucharist at 10:30AM
Bishop Jeffrey Lee celebrating
(only one service this day)

Parish Picnic after service
(are you signed up? – see the bulletin board)
Need help with set up and take down that day

Sunday School Kick off

Conclusion of the 50th Anniversary Celebration